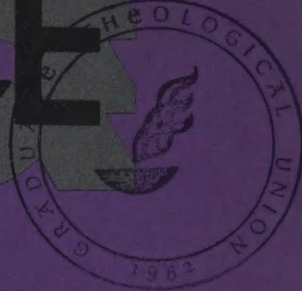


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How Much
Love
Does It
Take

To Fill A
Mother's
Heart?



"The aged women likewise, that they be... teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be... keepers at home..." Titus 2:2-5.

These words were written by the Apostle Paul to Titus, overseer of the churches of Crete so that he might in turn admonish and exhort the women of these congregations to fulfill their rightful role as Christian wives and mothers.

This is a message far different from that which is being heralded to young women in this 20th century by those who are propagating the philosophies of women's lib. "Don't be fenced in and inhibited, but leave the 'home fires burning' in the care of someone else. Go out into the big, wide professional world, find your identity and the fulfillment of all the talents that have been stored up and suppressed in you for some 20 years or more."

And so the 20th century mother brings in a babysitter or drops her children off at a nearby day care center and dashes off into the exciting professional world where "the sky is the limit" to fulfill her many ambitions and creative abilities. A loaf of freshly, baked bread picked up at the bakery and a frozen TV or chicken dinner purchased at the supermarket or take-out, chicken drive-in will suffice for the evening meal. This will help to conserve the energies of this fulfilled, but exhausted, mother in order to meet the challenges of the next day.

While thousands, and perhaps millions of women identify with the aforementioned scene, this is not true of the young housewife and mother pictured on the cover of this month's ADVANCE. Alisa Curtis, wife of Reverend Gary Curtis who serves as an instructor at LIFE Bible College and Assisting Minister at the Glendale, California Foursquare Church, has found her identity in her home, caring for her family and in assisting her husband in his ministry. Her daily routine is not much different from that experienced by Carrie Ballinger whose story is told in the *People* feature of this issue.

Although nearly six decades separate Alisa and Carrie in years, their lifestyle as homemakers are very similar. A part of Alisa's homemaking responsibilities include baking (enough baking goods to share with others), sewing, crocheting and needlepoint. She not only sews for herself and her two girls, but makes beautiful tailored suits for her husband.

Many Christian mothers have had to join the professional world for reasons beyond their control, not because they have chosen to "march to the beat of the women's lib drum." These women, and countless other wives and mothers like Alisa Curtis and Carrie Ballinger, continue to respond to the admonition as recorded in the Word of God to be "keepers at home..."

And it is in this role that these wives and mothers are finding their fulfillment. [4]

President Rolf K. McPherson was the guest speaker at the Dedication Service of the new church facilities of the Cottonwood, Ca. Foursquare Church.

F.I.L.L. (Foursquare Involve-ment Learning Lab) Conferences were conducted by a team from the International Department of Youth and Christian Education throughout the Midwest and South Central Districts. One conference was conducted in the Southwest District. Members included: Dr. and Mrs. Vincent R. Bird, Revs. Mary Lou Canata, Arleta Keck, John Bowers, and Dan Ussery. Emphasis is focused on training of leadership for the local Foursquare Church.

Pastors of Angelus Temple, **Rev. and Mrs. John Holland**, participate in hosting the local PTL ("Praise

The Lord") television program viewed over the Los Angeles, Ca. Trinity Broadcasting Network.

The **Lodi, Ca.** Foursquare Church celebrated its 25th Anniversary with Rev. Myrtle Opie, original pastor along with her late husband, Rev. Earl Opie, present for the occasion. The 46th Anniversary was recently observed by the **Taft, Ca.** Foursquare Church. A "Day of Celebration" marked the occasion for the groundbreaking ceremony conducted by the **Stockton, Ca.** Foursquare Church on the site of their proposed new building.

Here's Life America!—a movement founded by Campus Crusade for Christ which is designed to create an environment in a city that will bring trained Christians from participating churches together

with individuals desiring to know more about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The pilot program, conducted in Atlanta, Ga. resulted in 10,000 decisions for Christ. A number of Foursquare Churches are participating in this outreach ministry of systematic neighborhood campaigns.

General Supervisor, **Merrill E. Nicholls**, ministered in Foursquare Churches in the Southern California area, Stockton, Ca. and Dallas, Tx and at the Tri-District Conference held at Mt. Vernon Bible College in Ohio.

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Cover Picture: Mrs. Gary (Alisa) Curtis with daughters, Carmen and Coleen.

Picture taken by Charles Peck.

INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY

COMMUNITY CONCERN:

Fashions Open Doors to Families

The Friday evening before Mother's Day has been a very special day on the calendar of events in the town of Wofford Heights, California for the past six years. On this evening the United Foursquare Women's group of the local Foursquare Church sponsors an annual Mother's Day Fashion Pageant and Tea which is held in the local Elementary School's auditorium. Attendance has continued to increase over the years with last year's attendance over 350.

Designed to acquaint the women of this Kern River Valley community with the purpose and ministries of the church's UFW Program, a different theme is featured each year which is carried out in the fashion parade, decor, music, skits and every phase of the program. As the ladies model their garments which are made by each respective woman, a poem is read describing their apparel as well as giving insight into their individual ministries in the Church Body.

Every segment of the pageant combines to present a very delightful program and to offer the real message of ministry and love that is found in knowing Christ as Lord and Saviour. For weeks preceding this event, the women bathe the program in prayer. They feel this has resulted in the pageant being well received by the community and receiving outstanding coverage by the local news media. The wives of local businessmen and community leaders attend the pageant.



Pastor Larry Six reports that this women's outreach ministry has afforded the church the opportunity to become acquainted with many families in the community whose doors were previously closed to any church contact.

CHURCH NEWS:

Director of Church Growth and Evangelism

In keeping with the recommendation of the Home Missions Committee, the Board has acted in the appointment of a Director of Church Growth and Evangelism to serve as an arm of the office of the General Supervisor.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr. Donald McGregor, effective July 15, 1976, to this newly-created office.

We have just received confirmation that Dr. N.M. Van Cleave will accept the appointment as Director of LIFE Bible College, serving as successor to Dr. McGregor. Dr. Van Cleave is currently serving as Southwest District Supervisor.

Dr. Rolf K. McPherson,
President

Howse Ministry—A Family Affair

In what may well be a service record unparalleled in the history of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, the Howse family of Foursquare ministers totals in its first and second generations 241 years in the service of the Lord.

George Howse, the father, accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior many years ago. Before his death, he prayed that his children would be called of God to labor in His vineyard, though none of them were saved at the time. God heard, and in due time answered this father's prayer.

In 1925 George Howse led the members of his family to Southern California and eventually to Angelus Temple where, one by one, they yielded their lives to Christ, under the ministry of Aimee Semple McPherson. Bible College beckoned, and upon graduation, they entered the harvest fields of full time service, just as their father had prayed they would do.

Today, as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, pioneer workers on home and foreign soil they are causing the prayer of the prophet Habakkuk, "O Lord, revive thy work..." (3:2) to be literally fulfilled through their combined ministries.

The first generation of Howses has yielded 213 years of ministry

unto the Lord. These include: Rev. and Mrs. Ben Howse, Rev. and Mrs. Norman J. Howse, Rev. Ellen Howse Deere and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Howse.

The second generation of ministerial Howses includes Rev. and Mrs. Dan Howse, Rev. Glenn Nicholls and his wife, Peggy Howse Nicholls and Rev. and Mrs. Gary Howse. Their total of 28 years of ministry brings the number of years of ministry by the Howse family to a total of 241 years. We salute the Howse family in the Lord and wish them many more years of fruitful service, should the Lord tarry.

Desert Chapel Foursquare Day Proclaimed

Proclamation
City of Palm Springs, California

WHEREAS, a quarter of a century ago, Pastor Jack Morrow departed from Champaign, Illinois and came to settle among us; and

WHEREAS, it was our very great fortune that he established Desert Chapel, which has served the religious needs of many of our desert residents for a good number of years; and

WHEREAS, Desert Chapel is about to celebrate its 25th Anniversary with Founding Pastor Jack Morrow still tending his flock, giving aid and solace to those who seek his assistance; and

WHEREAS, he conducts the oldest religious broadcast here in Palm Springs which can be heard every Sunday; and

WHEREAS, he is considered to be an outstanding leader of this community; and

WHEREAS, his very gracious wife, Jessie Mae, has devoted her life to helping her husband carry on this fine work,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. A. "Bill" Foster, Mayor of the City of Palm Springs, California, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 14, 1976 as

DESERT CHAPEL DAY and urge all of my fellow citizens to join with me in giving homage to this very fine gentleman and his wife who do so much for the betterment of this community and to wish them many more years of success in their chosen field.

Southern hospitality on Dedication Day in Vinita, Okla.



THE LOCAL CHURCH:

"Urban development" and "urban renewal" are terms Americans are all familiar with. Great stress has been placed upon the remodeling of cities and the building of new towns to meet the rise in population of these areas.

Yet, just several miles beyond these cities lies the country with its small towns and small-town living. Townships, composed of several small communities produce cultures and environments distinct from the big city and suburban living.

In Canada, 24% of the population occupy rural areas with 27% of the American people living in the country. These figures serve to remind us that the Country Church continues to play a vital role in the propagation of the Gospel throughout the United States and Canada.

The following article on several of our Foursquare Country Churches represents only a few of the many such Foursquare Churches in North America that are peeling forth the Good News of the Gospel to the small-town populace and rural communities.

The typical Country Foursquare Church may not be a "little, brown church in the dale" as recorded in the old Gospel hymn, but it continues to proclaim the "old-time Gospel" message as recorded in the oldest of books—the Bible.

In Vinita, Oklahoma, Dedication Day was celebrated by the whole town.

A rural schoolhouse played a big part in the beginning of a country church. Only, this time, a hometown girl brought back her husband to the community which had been her home.

Howard and Kathryn Mabery came to the Carselowey Community School for just a few weeks of meetings, and stayed 14 years. Assisted by a teacher and her husband, they pioneered the Vinita, Oklahoma church in 1948.

In the years the Maberis ministered to this growing church in the groves, the schoolhouse was replaced by a church building which served

Three Country Churches That Still Sow the Grass Roots Gospel

the congregation until 1974, when larger facilities were needed.

"We only built a new church because we had wall-to-wall people," present pastor John Bechtold tells. "We now occupy a new, fully equipped, modern building, valued at over \$75,000, and it's virtually debt free. Transplanted into a city setting, our church would increase greatly in value—which points up a definite advantage of country living; building costs are relatively low.

While a stranger lost on their country road might expect to find only a handful of people in this beautiful church, brief investigation will prove it to be the largest Pentecostal church in the county, with well over 170 in worship attendance. And, from this wooded site comes a strong Gospel witness to the 6,500 people within an eight-mile radius.

The modern parsonage and former church building, now used as a fellowship unit, are often buzzing with people who fellowship around a table laden with home-cooked country fare.

A visitor attending the new church dedication remarked, "Everyone in Vinita seemed to know about the dedication; 530 attended the service that day!"

"Our people do minister to the needs in the community in many ways," Pastor Bechtold states. "Several women's prayer groups meet around here. The variety of occupations represented in our church body—teachers, skilled workers, and business people, as well as those engaged in cattle raising and farming—bring us many opportunities to share in our country culture, something our people do regularly. Many converts are brought to the church, having been saved as a result of a personal witness.

Just six miles away is Grand Lake of the Cherokees, with its 1,300 miles of shoreline. This attracts many retired people from all over the state, and has given this church another opportunity for ministry.

"And," Pastor Bechtold concludes, "in our country, families do not move often. They are settled. Unlike some churches, we look forward to the summers, too, when the city folk come to the country for vacation."



Left: Front porch fellowship in Savannah, Tenn.
Right: Manistique, Mich.
Foursquare Church on State Highway M94.



In Savannah, Tennessee, a rural congregation has learned to rally together against crisis.

The lady evangelist came to hold a revival meeting. A fine gentleman farmer was saved, and invited the evangelist to stay, marry him, and pastor the country church.

From that 1946 introduction, Alverene Northcutt did stay, wed and pastor the chapel which is now situated on a hill 60 miles west of Jackson, Tennessee known as the Savannah Foursquare Chapel.

How this congregation grew and moved from its original remodeled, abandoned schoolhouse to the lovely chapel is testimony to this pastor's giving spirit and the support of her husband.

The Northcutts had saved a choice spot on their farm—a special hill—for their future home. When the schoolhouse church burned in 1973, the Northcutts donated "their hill" for the new chapel.

Like an old-fashioned barn raising, the congregation and community rallied to complete the lovely brick church within just eight months.

This rural congregation is made up of factory and construction workers, farmers, business leaders, educators and retirees. Pastor Northcutt remarks, "One advantage of a country church is that everyone knows each other from the oldest to the youngest. There is a love, friendliness and fellowship in our church body. If one member is troubled and in need, the others support him with prayer, money, labor, or whatever is needed.

"Our country church provides more than a community meeting place. It attracts those who would not go to town for service, and provides a Gospel witness.

"Our nearly 30 years here have allowed us to see children grow, marry and settle. Our church leaders are those who have been saved during this time. We count this as one of our greatest rewards."

In Hiawatha, Michigan, when the church burned down the congregation got on fire.

Driving north from Manistique, Michigan up State Highway M94, you can't miss the little Hiawatha Foursquare Church sitting along the road. The door is open to hunters who need a taste of hot coffee and fellowship during their winter treks, tourists who may want to rest, and to local residents or wanderers who need comfort and guidance. Even the doe and her fawn who might wander from the trees behind the nearby parsonage, find a warm welcome.

But, amid this calm setting, the fright of that November evening five years ago is still vivid to some. Hunters pounded the parsonage door, summoning Reverend and Mrs. Niles Byars with, "Your church is on fire!"

"The flames shot up like out of a blow torch; the heat kept us all away. And, with the fire department 12 miles away in Manistique, nothing was saved," recalls the pastor. "My wife and I stood, holding hands, crying and praying.

"But, we didn't have much time to lick our wounds, or feel sorry for ourselves. Folk came to offer the Grange Hall for services; gifts to rebuild began coming in. And, we started again."

Since Granddad Byars homesteaded the land near Hiawatha, Michigan, Niles Byars has been at home here. Chain saws cutting logs and tractors tilling the rich soil have been a part of his life style.

After a few brief years away to attend Bible College, the Byars returned in 1946 to pioneer this church which nestles in the National Park area on the road to Lake Michigan.

Scattered throughout the woods are families which attend the church even during the 35-degree below zero winters. Those who may not chance the roads are ministered to by Reverend Byars' several weekly radio broadcasts from Manistique. Skiers, hunters, and vacationers are often part of the Sunday congregation.

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FORUM:

Importance of Bible Colleges to the Future of World-Wide Evangelism



Vincent R. Bird, Moderator—
International Director of Youth
and Christian Education.



John Amstutz—Christian college
professor; former missionary
teacher.



Don McGregor—Executive
Director, LIFE Bible College.



William West—Communications
and Promotional Coordinator,
Department of Foreign Missions.

Bird: What program offered by Bible Colleges expose students to the need of world-wide evangelism?

McGregor: One area of exposure includes missionary conferences. We bring in outside personalities involved in world evangelism in some way.

Amstutz: In addition, I think actual missions courses should be required, not optional. As a part of a missions course I taught in a Theological Seminary in Jamaica, we took three students over to Tahiti for a 15-day experience, first-hand. One of these students became a missionary to Brazil.

McGregor: At LIFE, Miss Juanita Conger (faculty member) is taking a team to Colombia this summer. Also, the students at LIFE, and most of our Bible Colleges are required to take a course in missions. There are other courses offered to those who want to minor in missions, but these are required to expose students to world-wide evangelism.

Bird: What Rev. Amstutz said is very interesting. Our situation in Nigeria was that of one of our Nigerians feeling a call to Ghana and establishing a missions program there. Didn't that happen in the Philippines, Dr. West?

West: Yes, this is happening on many fields, where the nationals are being exposed to other conditions surrounding their own country. In the Philippines, we are trying to bring into the Bible College program, materials that will familiarize the students with neighboring countries and their needs. This year they will be

sending their own nationals to Indonesia. This same concept is developing all over the world.

Amstutz: Today we are going to need more than just North American missionaries to evangelize the world. There are 50,000 Protestant missionaries attempting to reach 3.8 billion people. Of these 3.8 billion people, 2.4 billion are in Asia and these are being reached by less than 2,000 missionaries. Now to give the same effort to this large segment that we are giving to the other 2 billion (48,000) we would need 212,000 more missionaries. This means that there must be a lot more third-world missionaries. There are now about 3,000. I think the focus is shifting more toward third-world countries as being "sending" countries as well as "receiving" countries.

Bird: Now this great need for workers prompts me to ask the question: Can these workers be self-taught to do this work apart from Bible College training?

McGregor: Teaching is very much a part of the Great Commission. Jesus definitely said to go and teach, or make disciples. We are not to learn on our own. Someone is to teach. Paul gave the format in II Timothy 2:2. The responsibility of training other people is charged to the Church. In answer to your question, "No." However, we then need a program, a facility, a process for this to take place. I think our Bible Colleges fit into that program.

Bird: We hear it said that Jesus just sent His disciples out and they didn't go to Bible College. Do you think our Bible Colleges are necessary?

West: I don't think you can say that the disciples were not taught. They had their training under Jesus—the Master Teacher, Himself.

Bird: So you are saying that Jesus didn't just thrust them out; they were taught.

McGregor: Yes. The definition of the word "disciple" means: One who is under the discipline of another in order to be brought to fruitfulness and maturity. If they were Jesus' disciples they were taught.

Bird: We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Doesn't that qualify a person with only a secular education?

Amstutz: We are discussing the work of evangelism. I believe there is a place for the "professional missionary." But in terms of evangelism, I would understand that to include the planting of churches. Now, that's a specialized kind of ministry that takes a specialized kind of training. Yes, he should definitely have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but that's the beginning, not the end.

Bird: What are some of the hurdles to evangelize the world that makes Bible College training imperative? What can the Bible College do to help in some of these hurdles?

McGregor: My first response is that the average church is ill-equipped to go beyond its

"If you can't see the people where you are it is doubtful you will be effective seeing people overseas."

community in evangelization of the world and to enter into cross-culture ministry. The average church will evangelize its kind. But the college is a pool of gifted teachers and exhorters representing many churches equipping men and women to do a broader ministry. Very few churches are equipped to release people from their congregation. They are usually designed to hold people.

Bird: Rev. Amstutz, is this cross culture one of the hurdles?

Amstutz: By all means. The area around the church, in terms of evangelistic effectiveness, goes no further than 15 minutes driving distance away. If a person drives over 15 minutes to church he will not be one that will bring people to church to hear the Gospel. This is pretty much limiting it to one cultural unit. The college can offer, in terms of cross-culture training, this very thing: "Church-growth eyes"—seeing people in their uniquenesses, culturally speaking, and then attempting to reach them on their own terms. That, a college can offer.

McGregor: We are reminded that America is made up of many cultures, not one distinct culture. The whole idea is that we need to stretch the student's whole training to include total community, and challenge them with that responsibility. Here at LIFE, the students are ministering in a whole cross section of culture.

Bird: In a foreign school, how would the national be prepared to go to another country, say like a Filipino to Indonesia?

West: Even within the country, like the Philippines, you find many other cultures like the Chinese and Japanese cultures and thus the cross-culture problem.

McGregor: And then you also have 87 different tribes. There, students are involved in tribal evangelism—summer ministries.

Amstutz: One more thing as far as hurdles. Bible College helps the student grow in Christian maturity through requiring close relationships. Resident student living requires one to develop the fruit of the Spirit in his life. It's easy to be patient with somebody you aren't with very much. This is extremely important if you are going to get involved in cross-culture ministry because it will bring out the worst in you. I understand the majority of missionaries return home because they just don't get along with fellow-workers and sometimes nationals, not so much for lack of finances or poor health.

Bird: This last question: Where is the fertile soil for the enlistment of workers for world-wide evangelism?

McGregor: The first seeds start right there in the local church. A local church must see that the ministry God has commissioned is much larger than that which we are directly participating in, in the local community. God is call-

ing the local church to a ministry bigger than itself. This means that they can expect some of the congregation to answer the call to go.

Amstutz: I grew up in an organization that was very missions minded. They believed that you get what you go after, and they went after missions and got it! During one of their missionary conventions, my wife and I committed our lives to the Lord and, as a result, ended up on the mission field.

McGregor: Another fertile soil is the emphasis that we give in our youth camps. This is a key to the calling of many.

Amstutz: What about potential missionary candidates in secular universities, or colleges? I feel we should expose them to a particular kind of situation where God could call them to missionary service. Vietnam veterans are prime targets because they saw the need.

McGregor: Out of secular schools will come "specialized ministry" that complements church planters, such as linguists, nurses, missionary teachers to missionaries' children, etc.

Bird: Summarize, Rev. Amstutz, in the light of our world-wide program.

Amstutz: Jesus talked first about Jerusalem, then Samaria and then the uttermost parts of the earth. If you can't see the people where you're at, then it's doubtful that you will be effective seeing people overseas. It's not a body of water that makes a missionary. It has been said, "You don't have to cross a sea to be a missionary—you need to see a cross, the Cross." I have to constantly remind myself that the people around me, here, are just as lost as the people overseas.

In terms of the people that are functionally unchurched and need the Gospel, two out of three adults in America are prime targets for evangelism. Now, that's a mission field. Only 26% of our country's people are active church members. There are so many that need Christ—106,000,000 adults, not counting the children on which they have an influence. Often we think that we have too many churches, but that is not true! Some of the largest, fastest growing churches are in unchurched areas. That tells us that it is a very fertile field! When you see a beautiful, growing tree in an area, you know that the soil is fertile! So there is a mission field right here. There is a tremendous need! [4]

"A missionary should definitely be baptized in the Holy Spirit, but that's the beginning, not the end."



LIFE Bible College students engage in cross-culture ministry to children.



LIFE Bible College graduate, Linda Heim, served in Hong Kong and Japan as a Missionary Assist.

"She has no fear of winter for her household, for she has made warm clothes for all of them" (Proverbs 31:21, Living Bible).

When Carrie was only 14 years of age, her Mother passed away, leaving behind her husband and five children, the youngest two-year old twins. It was at this young age that Carrie was faced with an important decision. "Would you be willing to leave school and remain home to care for the children?" asked her Father. "Otherwise, they will have to be placed in foster homes." Carrie willingly chose to give up her schooling and take over the household duties and the rearing of her brothers and sisters.

Born, Carrie Davis, in 1888 on a farm in Gentry County, Missouri, Carrie made an even greater decision when she was 11 years old. At this time an Evangelist was conducting revival services in the Baptist Church which her family attended. Carrie showed a great interest in spiritual things. Her Father, a Christian, considered Carrie's young age and did not want her to make a decision too soon, thinking that she would not realize the importance of it. Upon discussing the situation with his wife, Mrs. Davis quickly responded, "I'm not laying a straw in her way." Carrie's Father then discussed the matter with the Evangelist who advised Mr. Davis to leave Carrie alone and allow God to do His work.

That night Carrie accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and experienced a wonderful conversion. She felt she was the happiest person on earth and her face glowed with the glory of God. There was little doubt in the minds of those attending the service that she had realized a true experience of salvation.

It was just three years later that Carrie assumed the responsibilities of the Davis household. As her Father traveled with the thrashing machine he was only able to return home on Wednesday evenings to check on the welfare of his family. Carrie assumed all the household duties of cleaning, cooking, washing and ironing. A neighbor taught her how to sew and soon she was making her own patterns. She made all the children's clothes, as well as her own. Carrie washed twice a week, hauling her own water for the wash.

It was on October 7, 1906 that Carrie married her sweetheart, Wesley Ballinger, after a two-year courtship.

Carrie was married in her father's home. She made her own wedding gown and prepared her wedding dinner! Several women friends served the wedding dinner to the guests.



Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger lived in Missouri for 11 years and then moved to Colorado with their four children. The year was 1917. They first settled south of Colorado and later moved north of Willard in the Sterling area. Immediately, they found a church home and continued to raise their family in the church. Mr. Ballinger farmed and Mrs. Ballinger took care of the home, caring for her children (total of six; two were born in Colorado) and worked alongside her husband in the fields and garden. She would gather watermelons and the eggs and deliver them. "We knew what work was!" she remarks.

Attending a church that did not believe in Baptism with the Holy Spirit, the Ballinger family began attending Pentecostal revival services conducted by a Foursquare evangelist at the local skating rink.

Soon the family began attending the Foursquare Church regularly. It was at a meeting that Mrs. Ballinger and several of her children were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

A firm believer that "...all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28), even adversity, Mrs. Ballinger felt that God used the losing of their crops as a means of bringing about their move to the Sterling area and thus their exposure to the Gospel message. As a result, they joined the Sterling Foursquare Church. It was in this church that her children were converted and baptized with the Holy Spirit and three of them entered the ministry. Three of her children attended LIFE Bible College. One son, Reverend



Ballinger family portrait. Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger, center front.

Married in her father's home, she made her own wedding gown and prepared her wedding dinner.

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Want Your Church to Grow? A Survey Shows that Personal Invitations Most Affect Local Church Expansion

Second in a series of reports from Denominational Profile Survey

Four members of the Evangelism and Church Growth Committee presented a report at the 53rd Annual Foursquare Convention of some observations that the Church Profile Survey revealed as to information and needs of our Foursquare people. This presentation was led by Dr. Vincent R. Bird, International Director of Youth and Christian Education.

Data, relative to a few survey questions which revealed interesting information regarding the background of our Foursquare Church members was presented by General Supervisor, Merrill E. Nicholls. The first question reviewed was "How long have you attended a Foursquare Church?" The general response of the denomination was: about 13% have attended less than one year; a little over 33% have attended less than 10 years; 20% less than 20 years; but, 34% have attended more than 20 years.

In response to the question, "What was your religious background before associating with the Foursquare Church?" a little over 6% reported Catholic; 42%, Protestant; 25%, Pentecostal; and 27% stated that they had none of these backgrounds. The largest group that expressed none of the listed backgrounds were of the ages 15 to 17. In summary, Dr. Bird pointed out that the 27% of our people coming from a non-religious background gave evidence that they were reached by an evangelistic endeavor of the Foursquare Church. Yet, as reported in the first article of the Profile Survey, which appeared in the April, 1976 ADVANCE, our people have a desire to be more effective in their witness to the non-Christian and to be obedient to the command of the Lord Jesus when He said to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. However, the fact remains that a small percentage are actually doing it, but did express a keen desire to be trained so they might be more effective.

In response to the question of what attracted people to the Foursquare Church, church advertising and the location of the church in the community had little effect. A personal invitation stood out as a predominant factor. This was especially true in the area of leadership.

Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Foreign Missions, reported that the Church Profile disclosed some very vital statistics which will lend guidance to the Foreign Missions Department in future days in relation to the world missions program. It was a great encouragement to discover that the motivation of our people con-

cerning Foursquare World Missions is based primarily on the Biblical statement of Jesus Christ in the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, 20. Personal commitment and the staggering need, also present some very worthy motivations for our people's involvement in getting the Gospel to the world. Our people also stated that visiting missionaries affected them most for their world-wide vision. Missionary films and missionary conferences play an important role, as well.

In the many facets of the ministries on the foreign field, the training of national workers to carry on the work of evangelization was of primary interest to our people. Mass evangelism still remains important in their thinking, yet radio and literature, along with social action to meet physical needs, were not discounted.

Even though our missionary offerings have been on the increase each year for the last number of years, the survey revealed that over 50% of the giving is from those who contribute between one and ten dollars per month. It still remains that nearly 25% of our people who participated in the survey confessed that they were giving nothing to the World Missionary Program.

The report which dealt with questions relating to our Bible Colleges was presented by Dr. Don McGregor, Executive Director of LIFE Bible College. One of the questions related to the purpose of our Bible Colleges, which is to train men and women for full-time ministry. A large percentage expressed that this was the proper objective for our Colleges and that in their judgment they felt they were accomplishing the purpose for which they were founded.

The leadership of the denomination has wrestled constantly with the problem of properly supporting our training institutions. Stated in one of the questions was the fact that approximately 30% of the Bible College's budget must come from sources other than the student tuition. The question was asked, "Do you feel that your church should budget a certain percentage of its income toward this need?" Forty percent responded, "definitely yes" and 45% answered, "probably yes," which carries a large percentage in the affirmative. It was also interesting that the leadership, such as the church council and staff members, along with the Christian education personnel and other leaders within the church, had strong feelings in the affirmative that their church should stipulate a percentage of their income toward supplying the needs of our Bible Colleges.

The Third report from Denominational Profile Survey will appear in the June issue of the ADVANCE Magazine.



FIELD REPORT:

By Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Ziegler

John Goni has illustrated God's providence to his village by doing all things through Christ.

We look across deep valleys to hills which seem to repeat themselves like the waves of the sea until they merge into a misty blue background of steeply sleeping mountains. This is John Goni's homeland; his heritage and his birthright. Below lies the semicircle of huts that make up his home and beyond the huts are the cattle enclosed by the tall gray spikes of the American aloë.

Each hut is about 12 feet in diameter and is separated from its neighbor by a wide passage. Mud-brick walls, supported by roof beams, radiate from the peaks like spokes of a wheel. Doors are merely gaps and the windows small, square openings high in the walls. There is beauty in the yellow, grass-red thatching and in the bold white-washed patterns around the doors and eaves, in spite of grubby children, hungry looking dogs, and sounds of pigs rooting in the crimson aloë hedge. The smoothly plastered walls, the whitewash, the open spaces and above the sunlight, all combine to give an effect of cleanliness.

This is the home and primitive way of life that John Goni had known since childhood. He had very little learning; his school days were brief and his boyhood days were spent in herding the cattle and sheep. His leisure time was spent in learning the ways of his Red Blanket people. Superstition and pagan practices played a very important part in his upbringing.

As a young man, he went away to the city to work. During this time he found Christ as His Saviour. He returned to his family, and in turn, led them to Christ. The Lord began, at this time in Goni's life, to give him wisdom far beyond what education could have given him. John Goni became a very active member of the local

Foursquare Church and he gave liberally of all that he had to the church. The more he gave, the more God seemed to return to him. He first purchased a truck and started a small store in a grass hut next to his home. Next, God gave him the means to purchase two tractors and he plowed the land for miles around. A new store was erected and flourished under the leading Hand of the Lord in his life. He purchased a large bus and began a bus service to the nearest town. Everything Goni touched became a miracle of God in his life. Uneducated and pagan in his upbringing, yet he reached heights of greatness because of his "sold out life" for Christ. Suddenly Goni's faith was tested when God called his wife to her heavenly Home. No bitterness was evident; only the simple faith that God loved, God gave, and God called Home.

Goni's home is surrounded with simple, pagan people who marvel at what his God has done for him. A lovely new church has been built and his aim in life is to reach these people for Christ. He is often asked how he has acquired so much in so little time and with so little education.

He gives the glory to God and is confident that God never fails. John Goni firmly believes that he can do "all things through Christ..." (Phil. 4:13)

Similar stories can be repeated from all parts of the world as a result of missionaries being sent, intercessory prayer offered and finances provided to evangelize the "regions beyond" with the Gospel message. The nationalist is beginning to reach his own countryman with the Good News that Jesus came to redeem a lost world. [4]

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DATELINE: Asia

Orient Evangelism—Reverends Mary Lou Canata, National Director of Children's Ministries, and Arleta Keck, Evangelist, spent several months in the Orient last fall in the interest of **reaching children** for Christ and **training workers** in child evangelism.

Their first stop was **Korea** where they spent one week ministering to the student body of the Ahn's Christian Schools. In order to minister to all **7,000 students**, rallies were scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Misses Canata and Keck both ministered to the students gathered at each rally. The students were greatly interested and impressed with the teaching methods used, such as: Bible Scripture hunt, puppets, Bible quizzes, visualized stories and especially the song, "Jesus Loves Me" taught by **sign language**. The response to Christ was outstanding.

Next, they traveled to **Hong Kong** where missionary families Ron Williamses and Gary Loops serve. Here they ministered in several of the **churches**, at the **orphanage** in **Macau** and then in a meeting held in one of the rooms of a huge **apartment dwelling**. A family in the church opened their small apartment for this meeting and invited people in

the building to attend. In the room used for the meeting they had all their belongings plus two small children, but were still able to squeeze in **35 people** for this special Sunday afternoon meeting.

From Hong Kong Misses Canata and Keck traveled to the Republic of the **Philippines**. As a result of this endeavor, a National Children's Evangelist is presently engaged in the ministry of child evangelism. Her name is **Bennid Cadaing**. She was formerly a school teacher in the Foursquare Christian School in Manila. After only six weeks of training, while traveling with Mary Lou and Arleta, she has so capably taken on this ministry. Bennid has been engaged in **child evangelism** ministries for the past five months.

The **training sessions**, conducted by Misses Canata and Keck, took place on a divisional level which encouraged pastors of each division to in turn train those in their respective divisions. The mornings were scheduled for training sessions and the evenings for the **children's** and **adult Crusades**. Mary Lou ministered to the children while Arleta ministered to the youth and adults.

Reverends Mary Lou Canata and Arleta Keck expressed that they felt very privileged to have had the opportunity to

share Jesus Christ with people of other lands. They enjoyed every minute of their visit and the opportunity to minister.

Result of Evangelism—Bennid Cadaing, newly appointed National Children's Worker, opened her first **Children's Crusade** with four children, a few young people and adults. It was a small church. **Eighty-eight** attended the first night of the Crusade with **63 decisions** for Christ made. The second evening **40 children** accepted Christ and **13** the third night. On the final evening of the Crusade the call was made for a **dedication** by the children to follow the Lord after the Crusade was over. Most of the children attending the Crusade did not attend Sunday School.

Since the Crusade, the Sunday School **attendance** has **increased** with new classes formed. The Cadet Crusader group has also increased in attendance and a real effort has been made to invite children to the church who were not able to attend the Crusade.

The Crusades conducted by Bennid Cadaing were held in churches of the **Southern Luzon District**.

Philippines—Cebu Foursquare Bible College's 1975-'76 enrollment far exceeded its earlier goal of 40. This year, **fifty** men and women have entered the portals of this 19 year old institution. The girl's dormitory, which was planned to hold 16 students, is overflowing with 25 occupants. The assembly room, which is in one wing of the church, is filled to **overflowing** every Thursday night during the Bible College Chapel Hour.

In the town of **Guinsiliban**, 15 converts were **baptized** in **water** along the seashore by Missionary A. B. Chaves. Included in this number were a husband and wife who are



Top: Candidates for water baptism in Guinsiliban, Philippines. See story on this page. Above: Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones, newly appointed missionaries to the Philippines.

both public school teachers and who are being severely persecuted. The husband states that he is willing to **die** for the cause of Christ.

In this area, a **lot** has been **donated** for a church site and the converts are starting to build a temporary church building of bamboo and nipa. Guinsiliban, a small town in the province of Camiguin, abounds with superstition. The establishment of a church here is a real spiritual breakthrough.

The congregation in **Tacurong**, South Catabato, is grateful for the assistance they received in building their **new church**. This church, when completed, will easily accommodate **300 people**. A number of the converts are public school educators and professional people. The city's population is **70,000**.

DATELINE: The Pacific

New Guinea—Concrete for the **Kafetegu Church** has been laid, in preparation for the coming Pidgin School. Two of the graduates have now enrolled in Gotomi Pidgin Bible School. The first, **Mek**, has been assisting the pastor in his village. After he became a Christian, he wanted to faithfully follow the Lord. He started learning Pidgin at the Hageri School and stayed for two years. Now he is attending Gotomi Bible School so he can better **serve** the Lord and **win** his people to Christ.

A **Cadet Camp** and a **Senior Camp** were conducted in January. Many were **saved** and **filled** with the **Holy Spirit**. The Senior Camp had folk attending from other mission groups such as: Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist and Catholic. It was wonderful to see everyone learning, praying and enjoying time of recreation together.

DATELINE: Latin America

Colombia—Missionary Jean Firth was invited as a speaker to the Latin American **Women's Congress** in Monteria. Those extending the invitation to her wrote: "Please consider this as a Macedonian call. Our women are fearful, sad and depressed." It was no exaggeration. Some **false teaching** had caused this. Mrs. Firth was asked to speak three times daily. The subjects were, "The Right Use of the Spiritual Gifts", "Demonology" and "The Baptism With the Holy Spirit." Throughout this entire movement they had been taking all prophecies uttered as oracles of God. Mrs. Firth was able to show them that they must be tested by the **Word of God**, and that only in the mouth of two or three **witnesses** must every word be established. This teaching brought much relief. Some **200** were baptized in the Holy Spirit at this

Congress. They had been taught that it was not necessary to speak in other tongues. Mrs. Firth told them to ask for the Holy Spirit and that if there were no other way, then to be willing to speak in other tongues. Everyone who received, **did** speak in **other tongues**. Mrs. Firth commented, "Never have we seen such hunger for the things of God. After every session the women would crowd around, some for counseling, others to receive the Holy Spirit and still others to ask questions."

The **Andean District** which is now the newest district, has its first Colombian Supervisor—**Samuel Briceno**. He is a fine pastor, having founded three churches. There are opportunities in this capital city for the preaching of the Gospel.

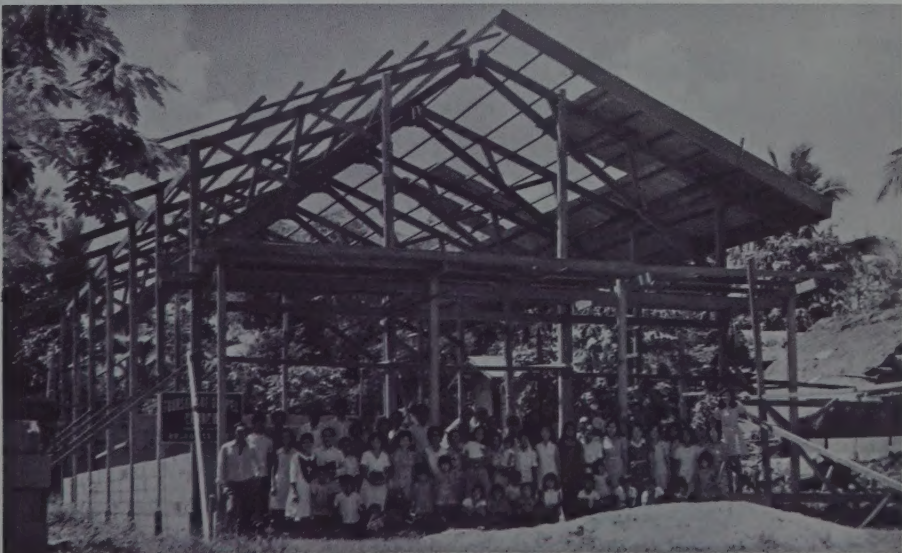
El Salvador—**Eulogio Moran**, the pastor in **Zacatecoluca** was so happy he could attend the Central American Convention held in Guatemala last January. He returned to his church with a **new zeal** and has since taken one of the new converts and, together, started **street meetings** in the Central Plaza on Sunday afternoons. Many people gather to hear the Gospel preached at these street meetings. They have decided to continue these meetings every Sunday.

Bottom: Your missionary giving is assisting in the erection of this church in Tacurong, Philippines. See story on this page. Below: Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weilein, new appointed missionaries to Honduras.



District Missionary Giving
District Jan.-Mar. 1976

Angelus Temple	\$70,458.98
Eastern	32,103.90
Eastern Canada	2,413.53
Great Lakes	38,815.26
Midwest	39,974.46
Northwest	48,959.52
South Central	18,003.03
Southeast	17,444.73
So. California	59,157.88
Southwest	54,005.11
Western	33,447.34
Western Canada	18,654.90





IN GOD WE TRUST

By Dr. Guy P. Duffield

Stamped upon every coin and printed on every bill of United States currency are the familiar words that have come to mean so much to the God-fearing citizens of this great country of ours: "*In God We Trust*." Those early founders of this nation who were responsible for this inspiring motto were certainly guided by the Spirit of God in making this strong assertion and giving us this challenging standard. Though certain atheistic elements in our society today would have these great words removed from our money, we need, not only to contend for their retention, but to follow the proclamation of these words and, indeed, TRUST IN GOD. He alone, is our refuge and strength.

There is a great deal of talk about faith and its power in religious circles today, but much of it is strange, mystical and completely contrary to the Bible's conception of real spiritual faith. Many speak of faith merely in the realm of the psychological—an attitude of mind which, if retained, will change things. I want to talk to you about faith that is *faith*.

1. Faith that is *faith* comes from the heart, not the mind. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness..." (Rom. 10:10). It is not merely a matter of keeping the right thought in your mind—a sort of mental concentration. It is true that the mind has its place. We must know something about what we are going to believe. Faith without knowledge is impossible. But real faith comes from the heart.

2. Faith that is *faith* does not look at itself. How often we have heard people say, "If I only had enough faith I know I could be healed." This sounds correct, but there are several things wrong with such a statement. When I say that, my words reveal that I am looking at my faith and not at God, nor yet His promises. When I do this, I think I do not have enough faith, so I automatically lose whatever faith I do have.

Let me say, that it is not your faith that heals you; it is the power of God which heals. Most people are trying to have faith in their faith and they are looking within to see if they have enough. We are continually talking about more faith. What do we mean? More faith in what?

Faith must be centered in some thing or Somebody. The power lies in the one in whom you have put your faith. So, forget about your faith and get your eyes upon your God.

3. Faith that is *faith* has no doubt. Jesus said in Matthew 21:21: "If ye have faith, and doubt not..." I sometimes wonder if there really are degrees in the amount of faith we have. Either we believe God, or we do not believe Him. If I only have a degree of faith, then I must have a degree of doubt. If there is any degree of doubt, then it is not real faith. Believing God is not taking a chance.

4. Faith that is *faith* has infinite patience. (Heb. 10:35, 36). "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promise" (Heb. 6:12). Here is where many of us fail. Waiting is one of the hardest things the human heart has to do. And there is no time element to the promises of God. He gives us great and precious promises, but He never tells us when they will be fulfilled, except we know He will never be late. God is a God of eternity; He has plenty of time. Abraham waited 25 years for the promise of Isaac to be fulfilled. Several times his faith wavered, but God never changed His promise and eventually fulfilled it.

Read Romans 4:13-22 and in verses 19-21 you will find three great statements concerning Abraham that show the greatness of his faith.

a. "*He considered not...*" Here was a man 99 years of age and his wife 89, but he was expecting a child, because God had promised him. What's more, they had been expecting the fulfillment of that promise for 24 years. But, Abraham refused to consider the circumstances, even though they were getting more impossible every day.

b. "*He staggered not...*" He never questioned if God had made a mistake; if he had heard wrong; nor yet, if he had the right interpretation. He believed God's word.

c. "*Being fully persuaded...*" Here is one of the real secrets of faith. This is where the heart comes in. A man can be persuaded in his heart even when his mind says, "Impossible!" Of what was Abraham persuaded? That his faith was strong enough? No! "Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised..." Faith that is *faith* is based on the promises of God. "Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." Faith that is *faith* considers only God's ability. Turn away from the problem! Lay hold on the promise of God! Keep your heart fixed on Him! Hudson Taylor once said, "It is not great faith in God that we need, but faith in a Great God."

Let's not forsake our nation's founding motto: "IN GOD WE TRUST." Let's be men and women of real faith!

RAYMOND COX:

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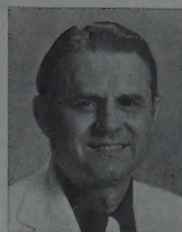
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San Francisco is only one city whose society is starting to suffer the consequences of a police policy not to arrest and prosecute people guilty of so-called "Victimless crimes." Proliferation of prostitution, which has followed the legal leniency of avoiding apprehension of such offenders, now poses somewhat of a threat to the Bay City's tourist trade. The clientele of the luxury hotels for the most part resents the conspicuous plying of the street-walker's "profession".

The Apostle Paul prophesied eloquently that "...in the last days perilous times shall come," when "...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse" (2 Tim. 3:1, 13). Decriminalization of prostitution, marijuana, abortion, and other practices once prohibited by law, is being promoted vigorously in

many areas, providing lurid examples of fulfillment of the Apostle's warning. But the fact that human law says that an act is no longer a crime does not change in the least the fact that it is a sin! God hasn't decriminalized immorality in any form, though His grace makes available forgiveness for the most outlandish outrages.

Should Christians ever throw in the towel in resisting acceptance of sins as a tolerated way of life? When salt stops smarting on a sore, hasn't it lost its savor? And how can anyone fall for the fiction that there is such a thing as "victimless crime"? The offenders suffer psychological injury, personally, in many documented cases. The offenses victimize families and society in general. And what about Jesus? Such sins took Him to the cross. And all are a definite affront to God. An adulterer confessed, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned" (Psa. 51:4), while a resister of temptation exclaimed, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:9). There is no sin which does not in some way victimize its perpetrator. There is no little sin, because there is no little God to sin against! [4]



LETTERS:

Pastors Give Expression

I would like to tell you how very much our folk appreciate the ADVANCE. It is a fine publication and a credit to our organization. We certainly look forward to receiving it each month.

J.G.

We do enjoy receiving the ADVANCE Magazine. We are proud of it and want all our people to receive it. Please add the following names to your mailing list.

P.H.

Appreciation

Enclosed is a contribution for your fine work. We appreciate getting your periodical for our students' use.

Eugene, Oregon Bible College

I want you to know I enjoy reading the ADVANCE and would like to keep on receiving it. I got my parole papers back and will be going home. Praise God and thank you for everything.

F.S.

Regrets

We would like to discontinue the ADVANCE. We have found new truth in the Bible. We are now Seventh Day Adventists.

T.P.

(Continued from page 5.)

In 1970 when fire destroyed the original church, these heartbroken pastors soon realized God had something better in store. "We could hardly keep up with the gifts which began arriving. Every Monday the lumberyard delivered another load of materials, donated by residents and friends. Neighbors rallied to lend support and worked with us.

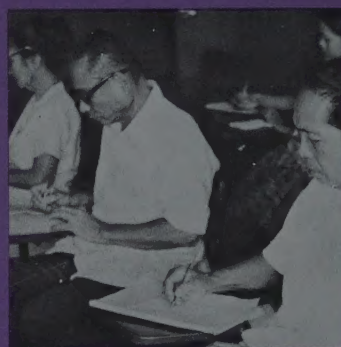
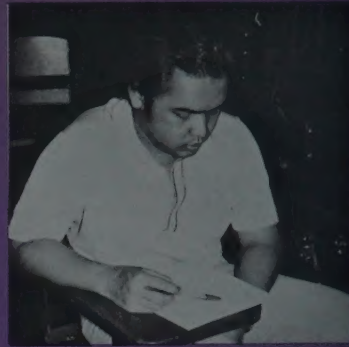
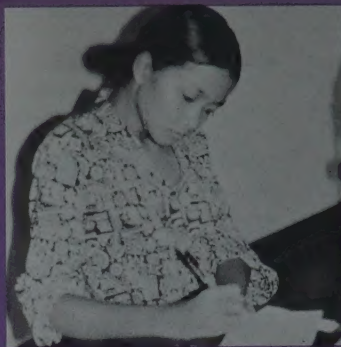
"Within two weeks, a Detroit doctor—who we had never seen—read of our loss and sent \$6,000. Later, as we had nearly completed the building, another \$2,000 check came for cushioned pews, the only ones in Schoolcraft County."

One evening as Pastor Byars talked with a vacationing family, the man remarked that he'd like to see a cross on the front of the church. Reverend Byars agreed.

The family returned to Grand Rapids, and some weeks later the church was notified that the cross was on its way, a partial donation from the manufacturer who heard about "that man up there who was preaching the 'old-time Gospel'."

Now, at age 71, Reverend Byars is known throughout the community as a man of God who is a friend to all, and who continues to preach that "old-time Gospel." And, he welcomes passersby to stop for fellowship at the church with the cross. [4]

FIFTH SUNDAY PROJECT: May 30, 1976



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